From: Rob Clarke
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/24/02 10:06am
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the proposed final judgment in the DOJ/Microsoft Antitrust Trial. The remedies suggested do not go far enough in protecting the consumer and OEMs from being subjected to Microsoft's anti-competitive practices in future. As a result of the terminology used and omissions in the proposed remedies, Microsoft are granted a great deal of scope to continue their current anti-competitive behaviour.

By way of an example, allowing Microsoft's EULAs to discriminate against software released under Open Source licenses (such as the GPL and MPL) clearly has the potential to cause inordinate harm to competitors and end users, and is completely unjustifiable, and stifling to both innovation and competition.

It is my belief that the PFJ needs to be significantly strengthened if it is to be regarded as a fitting reparation to end users, and a fitting punishment for Microsoft's repeated unlawful activities.

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